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Microsoft is a great American company that has suffered years of government intervention on behalf of the competitors of Microsoft, not the public. Microsoft's competitors have been unable bring to the world fantastic products at almost unbelievable low prices that Microsoft has achieved because, Microsoft created numerous visionary useful products that are seamless, and work in harmony with each other without special knowledge of the user. This forward thinking vision produced economy of scale, market interest and lower prices. This benefits consumers and led to tremendous increases in productivity. Instead of relentless pursuit of Microsoft our government should protect Microsoft against worldwide theft of intellectual property and cherish and respect the company that led our country to greater productivity and leadership in the information age. I believe there is plenty of room for challengers with new visions but not much for the less creative. Microsoft rewards its employees, stockholders and created a new paradigm for others to follow.

Therefore without hesitation I recommend that we proceed with settlement of the case without any additional wasteful litigation against Microsoft.

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